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The bus stopped in the middle of the road in front of Hotel Ruposhi Bangla around 3:30pm yesterday but it started moving before the woman could get down. A man then helped her get up. Only half an hour earlier, a man was killed just across the street and some witnesses said he too fell from a bus while trying to get down and was hit by another bus.

## 97pc hospitals in city lack fire safety

TAWFIQUE ALI

Over 97 percent of the private and public hospitals and healthcare centres in the capital lack adequate fire safety measures, according to findings of a fire department inspection report.

Of a total of 433 healthcare providing establishments surveyed, 174 were found to be highly risky (with no fire safety necessities), 248 risky (with some fire safety measures installed) and the rest satisfactory (mostly compliant with some negligible lapses).

Many well-known hospitals are in the list, the findings revealed.

Most of the hospitals and clinics have been set up at residential buildings without basic fire safety provisions, putting patients and attendants in danger, said Maj AKM Shakil Newaz, director of Fire Service and

- 174 hospitals found highly risky, 248 risky
- Most hospitals at residential buildings
- Hospitals are vulnerable to extreme fire hazards due to stockpiles of oxygen, chemicals
- One firefighter for four lakh people against global standard of one for 2,000 people

SOURCE: FIRE SERVICE REPORT

Civil Defence, while explaining the findings of the fire safety inspection report.

The fundamental safety provisions that the hospitals lack include evacuation ramp,

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## Broadcast bill to be in parliament's next session

Says information minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said he hoped the draft of the National Broadcast Act-2016 would be placed in parliament for passage in its next session.

The current session of the Jatiya Sangsad ends on March 9, as per a decision of the business advisory committee. The next session begins within the next 60 days.

Speaking at a 'Meet-the-Reporters' programme at Dhaka Reporters' Unity, Inu said, "After working on it for nearly two years, we are preparing to place the draft National Broadcast Act before the cabinet and the parliament".

A broadcast commission would be formed based on the act. The commission would be a strong semi-judicial body empowered to issue or cancel licences of electronic and online

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# WHAT IF KIDNEYS FAIL? Law stands in way of transplantation

### CHALLENGES

Two crore people now facing kidney diseases

30,000 die of kidney failure every year

Only 130 can have kidney transplant a year

Shortage of kidney donors

Law does not allow donors outside 'close relatives'

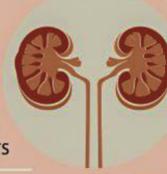
### WAYS FORWARD

Widen scopes to increase the number of kidney donors

Increase the number of kidney transplant surgeons and facilities

Introduce latest health technologies

Create an authority to handle organ donations



PORIMOL PALMA

At 23, her life should have been full of colours but instead it is as pale as it could get. This spring has brought her no joy at all.

For the last six months, both her kidneys have been failing to purify blood and balance body fluids, a function essential for survival. She undergoes dialysis, an artificial way to

remove waste from blood.

The treatment is expensive; it has already cost her over Tk 2 lakh. A BBA student of a reputed university in Dhaka, she is now extremely worried about her future.

"I need dialysis three days a week. It's difficult for me to go to class and study," she said.

In desperation, she wants to have a

kidney transplant. And for this she needs a donor, who, according to the country's Human Organ Transplant Act, 1999, has to be from these relations: son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, paternal and maternal uncle and aunt, husband and wife.

Her cousin (daughter of her maternal aunt) wants to donate one of her

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